



Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Victim Services Newsletter

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The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Crime Victim Services Unit is to effectively administer VOCA Assistance funds by ensuring appropriate and accessible services are available to crime victims, enhancing the delivery of those services through technical assistance, training opportunities, and promoting a continuum of care for every victim in every community.

06/07 Expiring Contracts

The end of the fiscal year can be hectic, but it is important to submit your monthly financial reports on time so your grant can be closed. Agencies not spending all their allotted VOCA funds must submit an agreement amendment request before submitting the final June report.

Quarterly Program reports for 06/07 expiring contracts for the period April through June 2007, along with the Annual Narrative Report are due by July 31, 2007. All reports are accessible and must be submitted via the Web-Based Automated Grants System (WAGS). If you need assistance or have any questions regarding closure of your 06/07 Expiring Contracts, contact your VOCA grant coordinator.

2007 Annual Crime Victim Assistance Survey

The Annual Crime Victim Assistance Survey is here once again! The 2007 survey will assist CVS in determining gaps in service throughout the state. We depend on you, our subrecipients, to provide feedback so we can effectively and efficiently utilize VOCA funds throughout Arizona. The on-line survey may be accessed through a link located on the Main menu of the FY 06/07 agreements expiring June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Year 07/08 DPS VOCA Award Process

DPS Crime Victim Services' Evaluation team reviewed applications totaling \$10,983,900 in funding requests for Fiscal year 2007/2008. DPS Director Roger Vanderpool approved funding for 105 projects totaling just over \$8.4 million. Contract packets are being mailed to subrecipients in the months of June and July for all approved projects which will begin July 1, 2007.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

The city of Mesa hosted the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Planning meeting in preparation for October 2007 events. The group discussed dates for the Domestic Violence Awareness Day, the Domestic Violence roundup that law enforcement organizes and participates in to show their support for Domestic Violence causes and suspect accountability, along with the Governor's Proclamation which is tentatively scheduled for October 10th. The confirmation of the Governor's Proclamation will be announced later.

Coy Johnston, Mesa Police Department announced this year's theme "Communities Working Together to Stop Domestic Violence". In addition, Mesa Police Department will host the Police and Fire Games on October 6th through October

10th along with a boxing event on October 8th through October 12th. Details of these events will be announced later.

The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) is revising its calendar events website for the month of October for organizations that wish to post and share information about activities or events during the month of October for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Contact ACADV at (602) 279-2900 or visit their website:

www.azcadv.org

The Mesa Police Department encourages anyone that instructs or is preparing to instruct on the topic of teen dating violence in the schools, to review the Teen Dating Violence Curriculum. They successfully piloted at a local Junior High School. If you would like a copy contact:

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Domestic Violence Awareness merchandise is available for purchase again this year through the Mesa Police Department. Orders must be placed by August 24, 2007. Merchandise should be ready for pick up by late September or sooner. These items include the Dating Violence video, mugs, pins, car magnets, bracelets and polo

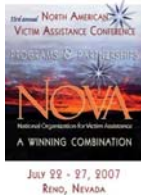
shirts in white, black, navy and grey. For information on placing orders, please contact:

Tami
(480) 242-1936

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to communicate your agency's activities or fund raising events or receive information e-mail:

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33rd Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference



Jul 22-27, The annual North American Victim Assistance Conference (NOVA) *Programs and Partnerships: A Winning Combination* will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort Hotel in Reno, NV. Join NOVA and your colleagues from across North America and elsewhere as they focus on invigorating victim assistance programs and enhancing relationships with traditional and non-traditional partners. This conference will feature educational opportunities for beginning, intermediate and advanced advocates. A series of workshops will concentrate on experienced and beginning program managers and assistant managers.

Track One: Victim Advocacy Skill Building will focus on victim advocacy skills, engage in advanced training, or develop specialized techniques and subject matter. Plenary sessions and work-

shops provide skills training in counseling, advocacy, law enforcement, restorative justice, public policy, and care for staff and volunteers.

Track Two: Program Design and Management will focus on strengthening the leadership of victim service programs by offering training, information, and networking opportunities to develop management, resource development, and strategic planning skills.

Track Three: Networking and Partnership Development will focus on expanding the reach of victim service programs through strategic partnerships on the local, state, national, and international levels. Plenary, forum, and some of the workshop sessions will include the following topics, Accessibility for People with Disabilities, Cooperative Public Policy Development, Victim Representation on Gang Task Forces, International Victim Assistance.

NOVA plans to offer four *Specialized Sessions: Crisis Response and Curriculum Design*

I: Barbara Kendall, NOVA's nationally acclaimed crisis response trainer, will offer an intense three day crisis response training.

II: The Office for Victims of Crime to present their acclaimed three and one half day training program, "Curriculum Design Training for Victim Service Providers."

III: Sharon English will pre-

sent and all day institute on the standardized Victim Impact Curriculum for Corrections approved by the United States Department of Justice.

IV: The National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism to present the International Congress for Victims of Terrorism.

If you would like more information regarding the conference events visit:

www.trynova.org

Training Opportunities



Aug 16-17, The 2007 State-wide Victim Services Conference will be held at the Pointe South Mountain Resort in Phoenix. This conference is for agencies and organizations and individuals who serve crime victims throughout Arizona.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Victor G. Carrion, MD, Associate Professor, and Director, Early Life Stress Program, Dept of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Sciences Stanford University will present "Understanding the Effects of Psychological Trauma on the Developing Brain". His presentation will include recent advancements in the research of developing traumatology, the prevalence of trauma and PTSD and how the symptoms of PTSD can be recognized at various developmental ages. He will present studies examining traumatic stress and biological correlates that include

brain structure and function, and measures of the stress hormone, cortisol. Dr Carrion will also discuss the clinical implications of these findings and current status of the treatment of PTSD in young populations.

A wide variety of workshops will be presented. Some of the topics for this year's conference include:

- DNA & Investigative Technologies
- Treating Child Victims
- Human Trafficking
- Alternative Sentencing
- Child Prostitution
- Advanced Victims' Rights
- CPS Mandatory Reporting Laws
- Elder Abuse
- Gay & Lesbian Victimization
- Serial Sex Crimes: a Case Study
- Criminal Justice in Tribal Nations
- Identity Theft
- Juvenile Victim/Offender Mediation

If you would like more information about this conference contact:

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We always welcome input for articles in our quarterly newsletter. Forward ideas to your grant coordinator. 